

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 18, 1995**

**MILWAUKIE CITY HALL**

Mayor Lomnicki opened the work session at 5:40 p.m.

Present were Councilors Farley, Schreiber, Kappa, and Trotter; Dan Bartlett, City Manager; Charlene Richards, Assistant to the City Manager; Joan Young and Don Robertson, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District.

**North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District Quarterly Report**

**Don Robertson**, Program Services Manager, presented the Parks District Quarterly Report. He reviewed the annual budget and discussed the goals and objectives. From staff and citizen input, the District believes it is successfully meeting its goals. He distributed a mock-up of *From Vision to Reality*, a newsletter that translates District goals into what residents actually see in their own neighborhoods. Information includes new parks, Center expansion, the nutrition program, citizen involvement opportunities, and the cooperative relationship between the City of Milwaukie and the Parks District.

**Robertson** discussed Ardenwald Park improvements. The project is scheduled to be completed in time for the annual Ardenwald Kids Parade. He commented on new recreation programs that include a drama club and lifetime sports activities such as archery, horseback riding, inline skating and indoor soccer.

**Robertson** talked about the District's work with youth sports leagues. The District's goal is to assist these groups in signing up participants and scheduling playing fields and officials.

**Councilmember Kappa** asked Robertson if children would drop out of sports programs if there were not enough playing fields. **Robertson** said the number of teams and lack of facilities results in a coordination problem. Personal liability on the part of parents and coaches organizing these leagues is another significant issue. The District is willing to do background checks and help monitor activities.

**Robertson** distributed information on the Aquatic Center as follows: revenues and expenditures, which were about equal at \$1,290,000; facility usage since July 1994; and Birthday Party Revenue projections. He added that there were about thirty-five parties of ten participants each weekend.

**Councilmember Farley** said he was involved in one of the youth softball leagues and asked if more fields would be developed at the Aquatic Park site. **Robertson** said cleanup would take a significant amount of time, so additional fields would probably not be on that site for two or three years. He added that there would be a ballfield at Schreiber Park and a soccer field at the Aquatic Park.

**Councilmember Farley** asked if there were plans for a skateboard park. **Robertson** said the new parks will be built with hard surface areas and skateboarding is allowed at all the Parks.

**Councilmember Kappa** said there are people in the District who are paying for the Aquatic Center in their taxes, but they cannot afford the admission fees. **Robertson** said there are several sessions offered each week at reduced rates. Fundraising activities, such as Casino Night, help provide scholarships.

**Councilmember Schreiber** said people need to call the Aquatic Center and get more information on the reduced rates.

**Councilmember Kappa** asked if the reduced-fee sessions were advertised. **Robertson** said this type of information goes out through the schools and is advertised in the *Review*.

**Joan Young**, Milwaukie Center Director, said the Center/Community Advisory Board is preparing to spend significant time next year on the self-assessment project. This is a national program that leads to senior center accreditation.

**Young** noted some of the Center activity highlights, which included the First Annual Senior Variety Show; computer classes for older adults; Masters Golf Tournament; and the Grandparenting Program. She announced that the Milwaukie Center received a used bus from the Wilsonville SMART Program. This adds a second lift vehicle to the program.

### **Senior Transportation Services and Funding**

**Charlene Richards**, Assistant to the City Manager, presented information on senior transportation services and funding methods used in other jurisdictions.

**Bartlett** said City Council would have to provide direction to staff if they wished this item included in the 1995 - 1996 Proposed Budget.

**Richards** said, in her research, she found that most of the senior centers have a larger service area than the city in which they are located. In addition, most of the cities provide some sort of funding. The percentage could be based on the number of Milwaukie residents using the service or the number of Milwaukie residents taking one-way rides, which is currently 38%.

**Councilmember Farley** asked how staff can determine which riders live in the City of Milwaukie and which live outside the City. **Young** introduced Bob Kendall, Center volunteer, who keeps ridership statistics.

**Councilmember Schreiber** asked if costs were being met. **Young** said beginning July 1, 1995, Kendall, who coordinates ridership and maintenance, will no longer be a volunteer.

**Councilmember Schreiber** said other people in the District are paying the same taxes as Milwaukie residents. Would they also be asked to pay an additional amount similar to the City of Milwaukie? **Young** said there would be no additional funding from the unincorporated areas.

**Councilmember Trotter** said, while it is true that the City owns the facility, it is operated by the District. He asked how much money the District was putting into the transportation program. **Young** noted the District was providing no funding. She discussed the nutrition program, which was accomplished with no tax dollars going into its operation. The County Board of Commissioners made it clear that they would supply no additional funding. **Richards** pointed out that they were supplying "in-kind" support.

**Councilmember Trotter** said the Budget indicates funding for a coordinator and drivers. **Young** said these part-time employees, who receive no fringe benefits, are supported by an enterprise fund. **Richards** added that someone has to administer the program, and there are associated overhead costs. **Trotter** said he was concerned about the transportation function of the Center being seen as a function of the City of Milwaukie.

**Councilmember Kappa** asked Young how much time she was spending on the transportation program. **Young** said she administers all the Center programs, but there is no cost accounting.

**Councilmember Kappa** said his concern was about the in-kind service. **Young** said in-kind services are not reflected as hard dollars in the budget.

**Councilmember Schreiber** said it needed to be clarified that special districts cannot legally be a transportation district. The District has certain obligations under State laws. It is a legitimate expenditure of staff time to assure that services are provided. **Young** added that providing transportation is required.

**Mayor Lomnicki** said he believed that, although the Parks District is a special service district, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners had funding responsibilities. The City, because it is an incorporated entity, is being asked to help fund the transportation program.

**Councilmember Trotter** said the City has been contributing for the last several years, but he sees no funding coming from the County. He asked how the Center proposed to solve the \$10,000 deficit. **Young** said some services may need to be cut, and staff is working with Tri-Met.

**Kendall** said the consortium will be cut \$7,000, and other senior centers have the same problems and needs.

**Councilmember Kappa** discussed rider fares. **Young** said users are currently charged 50 cents per ride.

**Mayor Lomnicki** said the transportation finance package includes an increase of registration fees, part of which goes to special transportation needs.

**Councilmember Trotter** asked if there would be a request for resources from the County general fund. **Young** said the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners will not put general fund dollars into the transportation program. **Councilmember Trotter** asked if staff has prepared a letter to the Board of Commissioners asking for matching funds.

**Councilmember Schreiber** said she believed the County needed to clarify its role with that of other jurisdictions. The Board needs to make it clear whether or not the County will contribute to special-needs populations.

**Councilmember Trotter** said both entities, the Board of Commissioners and the Parks District, have indicated that they will not contribute.

**Richards** said there were no particular legal constraints.

**Councilmember Kappa** said he would like specific staff action.

**Bartlett** said City Council directed staff to return with a report on the senior transportation issue. This item could, if City Council directed, be included in the proposed budget for the May 9 meeting.

**Councilmember Kappa** said he would like to see this as a separate item outside the Budget Committee.

**Councilmember Trotter** said he understood that the service was needed, but it was unfortunate that the City of Milwaukie was the only entity that would contribute. He said it could be discussed as an add-on to the Budget.

**Bartlett** said senior transportation funding could be reviewed as a decision package item.

**Councilmember Schreiber** suggested that this be put in the City Council budget.

**Bartlett** said the funding could be considered at final adoption, either as a decision package or unfunded item to be worked into General Government.

**Councilmember Schreiber** indicated she felt that the Budget Committee had other issues to address, and Council should deal with the senior transportation issue.

**Bartlett** reviewed the comments, which indicated that City Council would make a determination on the senior transportation funding at the 1995 - 1996 Budget Adoption hearing in June.

**Councilmember Trotter** said he would like to pursue additional funding sources with the Parks District Board.

The group agreed to consider senior transportation funding at Budget adoption.

Pat DuVal  
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